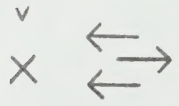
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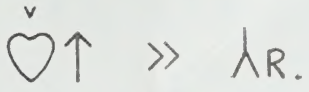
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Much Success



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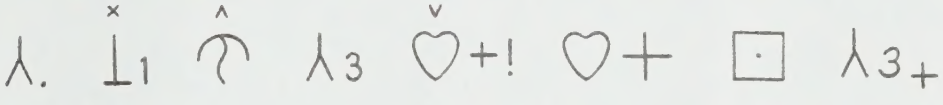
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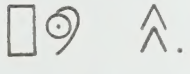
Participation House with Russ. He is a smart and nice



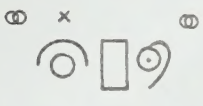
man. We wish him good luck in his



Newspaper work.

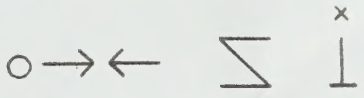


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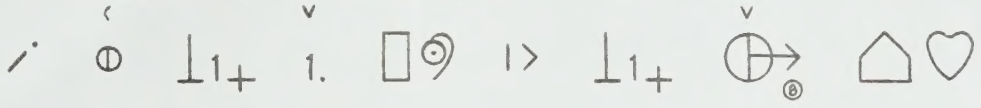


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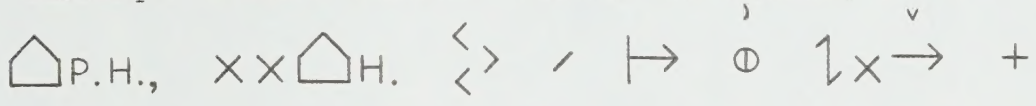
Hello Symbol People:



This will be my first Newspaper from my new home



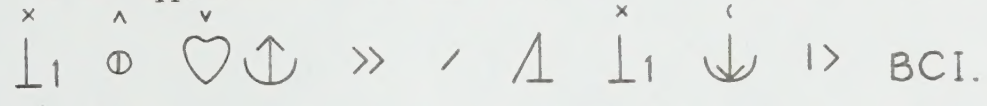
Participation House, Hamilton. Although the beginning has been slow and



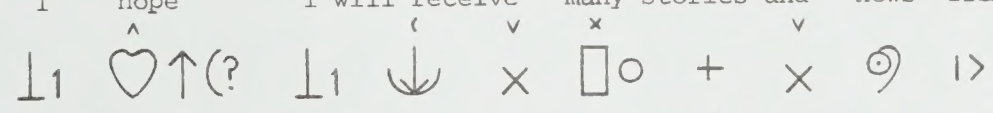
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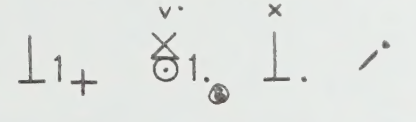
We are appreciative of the help we will be receiving from BCI.



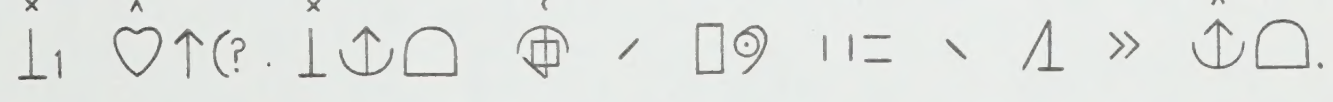
I hope I will receive many stories and news from



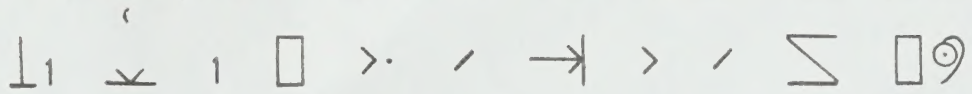
my favourite people. This will help me very much.



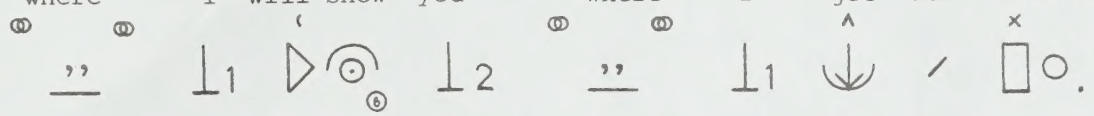
We hope teachers will use the paper as a teaching aid.



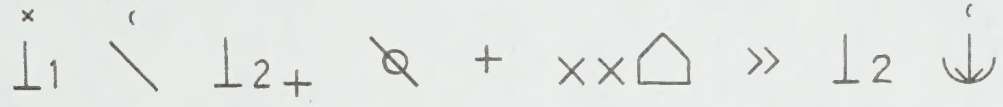
I will be putting 1 page at the back of the symbol paper



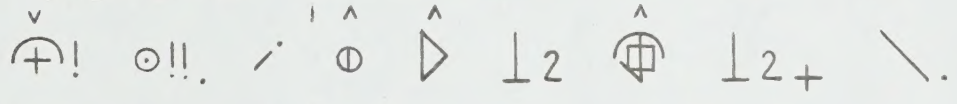
where I will show you where I get the stories.



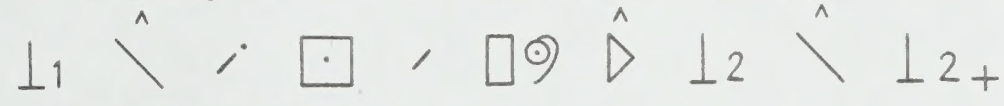
We will 'list' your name and city so you will receive



'proper praise'. This is to make you use your pen.



I am writing this in the paper to make you write your



stories and to use your imagination.





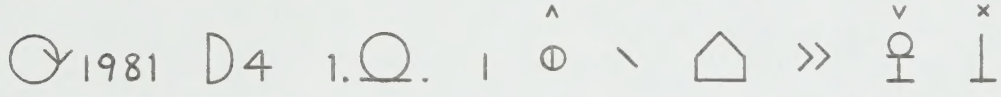
This will be (the) first home built in (the) United States similar to



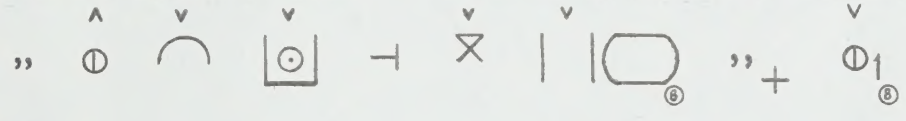
(the) Participation Homes built in Canada. Plans are to open it



April 1, 1981. It is a home for young people



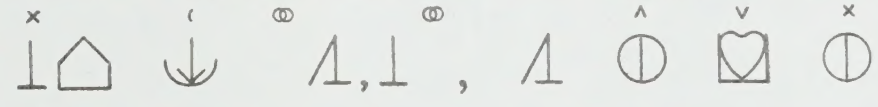
who are mentally 'alert' but severely physically handicapped whose only



other answer is (a) nursing home or mental institutions.



Residents will receive personal care, support to live independent lives



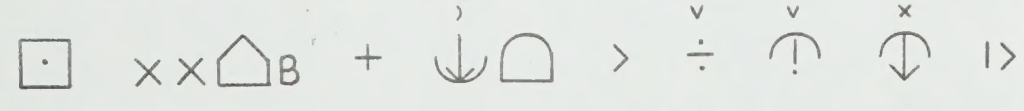
and to have occupational satisfaction.



Katherine Akers Director of Cheshire Home visited our Participation House



in Binbrook and received some interesting ideas from




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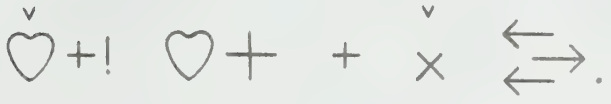
Howard Levitt Director of Hamilton Participation House.



I hope more similar homes will be built.



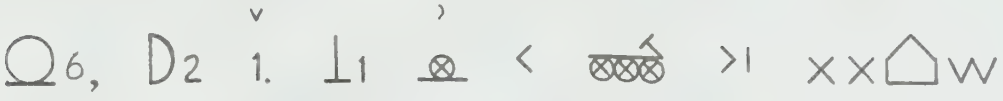
Good luck and much success.



Lost Weekend



On Friday, February 1st I travelled by bus to Waterloo.



on my own. This is a "big thing" for a physically handicapped person.



Good friends met me at the depot. My



friend Jo showed me Waterloo. I thought to



myself this is what I have missed in my life. We



went to Mother's house and celebrated my 27th birthday.



I received a surprise cake after the meal. Later



in the evening we went to the school pub.



I found there what I do not have. I have missed



the carefree life that young people "take for granted."



Saturday we talked about things only a good friend can



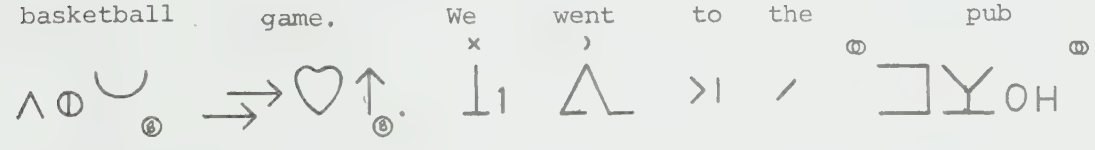
understand. Even though we don't see each other often we shared



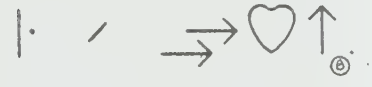
our secrets. We enjoyed going to a university



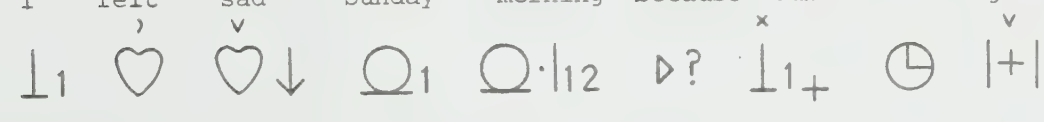
basketball game. We went to the pub



after the game.



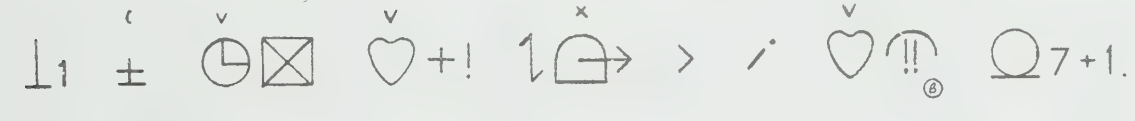
I felt sad Sunday morning because our time together



was coming to an end. It was hard to say goodbye to a friend who knows you.



I will always have good memories about this special weekend.



Thanks friend



Russ



Letters

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Hello



I name

My name is Shelley.



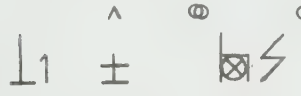
I friend girl

My friend is a girl.



I talk symbol Louise in bedroom.

I talk with Blissymbols to Louise in her bedroom.



I have electric wheelchair

I have an electric wheelchair.

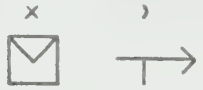


Love Shelley

Shelley is an eleven year old girl who has recently started to use a number system to indicate in which block on the board the symbol is placed. Colour coding and manual scanning help her locate the correct symbol.

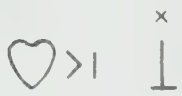
Note: This instructor has included both a direct symbol meaning translation and a freer translation of the user's intended message.

Letters (continued)



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Dear people



I am Rick. I live (in) Sunnyhill. I like hospital.



I like school. I like hockey.



I like (my) teacher and outings.



I go (to) Teen Club (on) Wednesday evenings.



I went (to) A.W.'s drive-in last Wednesday.



Love Rick

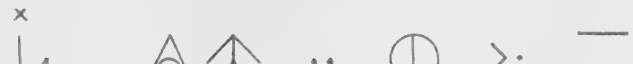


Rick is a 16 year old symbol user. He now uses an Etran and a display with 550 symbols. He has recently learned to drive an electric wheelchair controlled by his head movements.

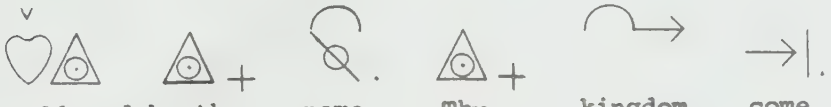


Prayer to the Lord

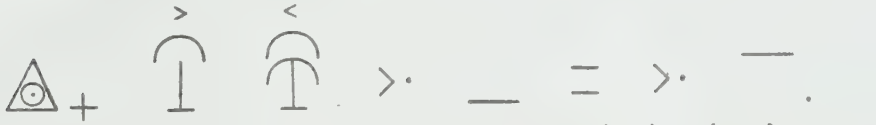
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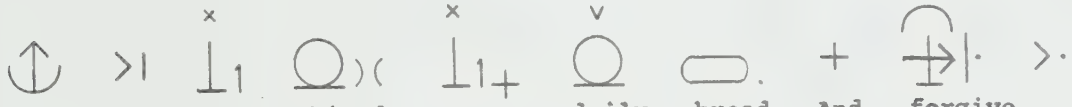
Our Father which art in heaven,



Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.



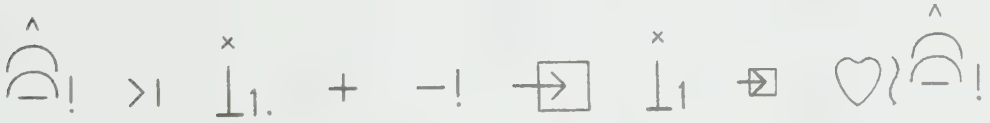
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.



Give us, this day our daily bread. And forgive



us our trespasses, as we forgive those who



trespass against us. And (not) lead us not into temptation,



but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom



and the power and the glory. Amen

This symbol version of the Lord's Prayer (taken intact from Semantography, pp. 734-736) was submitted by the staff and students of The Villa, Toronto.

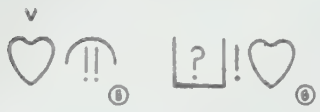
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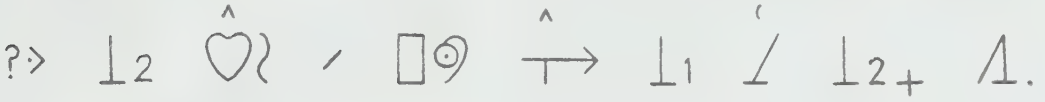
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Special Request



If you want the paper to keep going I will need your help.



I want you to write stories please.



Russell Cecchini (editor)

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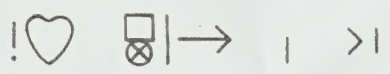


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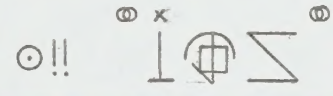


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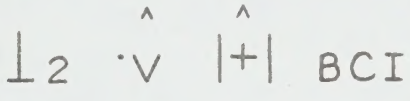


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You will receive stories and names of other symbol users



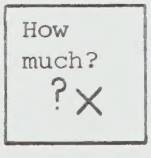
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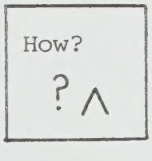
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